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Puzzling weather creates a Haliburton county Occurrence.

When the Great Depression hit in 1929, puzzles became so popular that sales reached 10 million per week. If you didn't have the princely sum of \$5.00 for a puzzle, you could (depending on the number of pieces) rent one for a nickel or dime a night.

Almost a century later, the jigsaw puzzle has made a comeback. There's a number of reasons for the jigsaw's resurgence, least among them, the ability to create order in a world that feels upside down.

Two of the top 10 jigsaw puzzle companies in the world are Canadian (Cobble Hill and Eurographics) which is a big eh-plus, but here's the rub, neither one designs, prints, *and* manufactures in Canada. New comers to the scene, The Occurrence does all of that – and more.

The Occurrence, located on Industrial Park Rd in Haliburton, is unique in Ontario, and possibly in Canada.

During the freakishly cold and wet winter of 2018 when temps plunged to -46, founders Brigitte Gall and Michael Bainbridge convinced friends not to drive home one night for fear that they would become a statistic. Putting a jigsaw puzzle on the table, they watched in amazement as 8 adults and 4 kids stayed focused and determined to finish a jigsaw puzzle. On that frigid night in Haliburton, TheOccurrence jigsaw puzzle company was born.

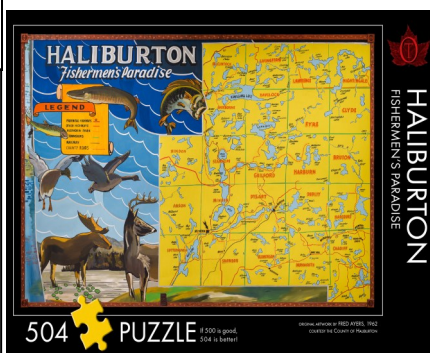
Located at 130 Industrial Park Rd in Haliburton, their focus is Art, Science, and Canadiana.

Two of their most popular puzzles – **Haliburton County Road Trip** and **Fisherman's Paradise**, have had several reprints.

Fisherman's Paradise is a hand painted mural commissioned by the county in 1962, and Road Trip is a collage of over 50 photographs of county specific signs.

What's the more? The Occurrence also does custom puzzles.

Please Puzzle Responsibly.



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Editor's Note:

*I thought our readers should be made aware of this totally Canadian company.
Please be sure to check out the website or better yet—stop into their store/manufacturing location
at 130 Industrial Park Rd. Haliburton. Say Hello and please tell them you saw them in the
Irondale Newsletter.*



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appreciated.*



**Thank You
Gerard Klompmaker**

**for keeping the furnace clean
& running efficiently at the
heritage building, known as the
'Irondale Church'**

SDLCA Fireworks...

Cottagers and guests travelled by boat to enjoy the fantastic light show on Sat July 4, honouring Canada Day.
Thanks for sharing the photos on Facebook.



Photo by Mark Nicholson



Photo by Kevin Pepper



Photo by Kevin Pepper

SDLA's Concert on the Lake took place Saturday July 11. The skies cleared and the 2020 edition was a smashing success. The dynamic duo of Mike Daley & Alec Fraser had folks dancing and distancing in their boats ... great evening on Salerno Lake. Special thanks to Doug Rodger, Barbara Gordon and Rob & Rosalie Brown for organizing to make this happen. Looking forward to next July !!



Photos by Kevin Pepper
www.facebook.com/kevink.pepper

Irondale Family History Feature

The June/July issue brought you information on the Griffin family and the history of the Irondale Community Centre.

This issue we learn of the **FLOOD FAMILY**. This family has ties to both stories. Luella Flood married Frederick Gilmore Griffin; and Joe Fecht bought the Flood farm, before donating part of it for community use.

James Flood was born 1768 in County Donegal, Ireland, married Elizabeth Woodward about 1805, and died 04 Feb 1842 in Quebec. Elizabeth died 27 Oct 1862 at 79 yrs old, in Quebec.

This couple had nine children -

- i. Mary, born 1806 in Ireland, died 12 Mar 1841 in Hemmingford, Quebec
 - ii. John, born 1810 in Ireland, died 18 Jun 1853 in Hemmingford, Quebec
 - iii. Mary Ann, born 1814 in Ireland
 - iv. Isabella, born 1815 in Ireland, died 08 Mar 1846 in Hemmingford, Quebec
 - v. Andrew, born 1816 in Ireland, died 1868 in Hemmingford, Quebec
 - vi. Ann, born 1819 in Ireland, died 1880
 - vii. Edward, born 1821, *see more below*
 - viii. James, born 1823, Ireland
 - ix. Catherine, born 17 Apr 1826, Ireland, m. George White, died 29 Nov 1905 Gooderham
- Research shows Edward, his younger brother James (b. 1823) and sister Catherine (b. 1826) moved to the Irondale area prior to the 1881 census.

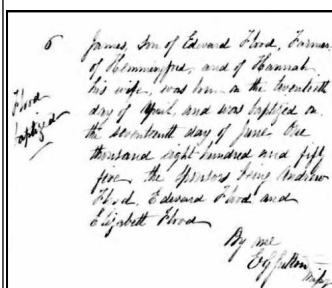
Edward Flood married Anna McAtee on 21 March 1853 at the St. Remi Anglican Church in Quebec.

This couple had nine children, all born in Hemmingford Twp, Huntingdon Co., QC;

- i. Anne Eliza, born 16 Dec 1853, married Robert Watt 1873 in Quebec
 - ii. James, born 20 Apr 1855, *see more below*
 - iii. William (John) born 10 Feb 1857, married Ida Ellen Gartshore 1885 in Lindsay
 - iv. Mary Jane, born 6 Jul 1858, died 29 May 1869
 - v. Margaret Emeline, born 28 Apr 1860
 - vi. Ellen Louisa, born 1862, died 15 Apr 1867
 - vii. Albert Edward, born 30 Oct 1864, died 8 Apr 1949 in WA, USA, m. Helen Neilan 1893
 - viii. George Knight, born 21 Apr 1866
 - ix. Ellen Mactee, born 11 Dec 1868, died 29 Mar 1899, married John Henry Hunter 1891
- Edward died 14 July 1890 and is buried in the Gooderham Pioneer Cemetery

Anna's stone in
Russelltown Cem
in Quebec 1868

Edward Flood's
tombstone in
Gooderham 1890



1855 Baptism of James Flood,
St. Remi Episcopal Church, QC

James Flood was born 20 Apr 1855. Sponsors of his baptism - were Andrew Flood, Edward Flood and Elizabeth Flood, by E.G. Sutton.

James married Mary Jane Hunter on 1 Nov 1886 in Kinmount. She was the daughter of David and Eliza Hunter, and born 15 Oct 1865 Verulam Twp, Victoria Cty.

James and Mary Jane (Hunter) had three children, all born in Glamorgan Twp;

- i. Minnie M., born 01 Jul 1891
- ii. William Ralph, born 23 Dec 1892, died 08 Aug 1922, buried Gooderham Cemetery
- iii. Luella, born 29 Oct 1894, *see more below*

Mary Jane died on 22 Dec 1896 in Irondale, of consumption (TB)

James then married 30 yr old Annie Morrison on 6 July 1898 in Lindsay

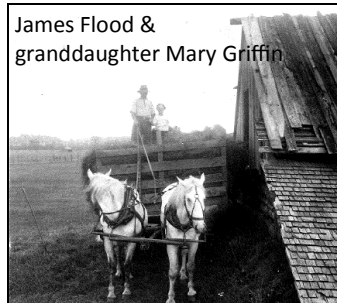
James and Annie (Morrison) had five children;

- i. Annie May, born 28 May 1900, died 29 May 1900
- ii. Eric, born 22 Dec 1902, died 23 Dec 1902
- iii. Eric Meredith, born 17 May 1904, married Lillian Liggett on 18 Dec 1933
- iv. John Henry, born 27 Jan 1908, married Dora Crawford on 21 May 1933
- v. Edward Raymond, born 19 Jan 1911



Luella Flood married Frederick Gilmore Griffin. She died Jan 1977
This union had one child - Mary Eleanor, born 16 May 1923, and married James M. Ferns. Luella operated the Camp O' the Winds Lodge in Irondale
(The lodge brochure can be viewed on page 6 of this issue)

Research sources - www.hhgg.ca; settlers.highlandseast.ca; ancestry.ca; Journey through Glamorgan's Past by Elva Bates; jgenea.com and Adele Espina's findings



Remembering Our Irondale Friends and Families

Perhaps they are not stars in the sky,
but rather openings
where our loved ones shine down
to let us know they are
happy.



Donations can come from anywhere

People are getting very creative with their donations.

- We recently had someone downsizing their home and the items they did not want to move were sold with all proceeds going to the Bark Lake Cultural Developments. A couple photos of happy purchasers loading up. **Thank you** to those who purchased a household good or two and to the homeowner for the generous monetary donation.



- Someone was looking for a well to be witched. So happens your editor read the query and husband Fred does a fine job of witching for water. The two met, a few sites for wells was marked and a generous donation was made to the Bark Lake Cultural Developments.

- My b'day this year was celebrated with a Facebook Fundraiser. I sent a note to people I know telling them of my fundraiser and the reason I was raising money for Bark Lake Cultural Developments. Thank you to all that answered my request and helped me surpass my goal.



Brenda' Recipe Corner

This is the caramel sauce that I made for the apple dessert we served at the Fish 'N Fowl Dinner April 2019.

3 tbsp. water 1 cup sugar
1 tbsp. white corn syrup 2/3 cup whipping cream (35%)
1 tsp vanilla 1/2 tsp flaked sea salt
2 tbsp. butter

Place water, sugar and corn syrup in a medium pot. Have the cream and butter ready. Bring the sugar to a boil without stirring.

Brush down the sides of the pot with cold water. This keeps the sugar from re-crystallizing. Boil until the sugar turns a light amber colour. Be careful it goes from amber to burnt fairly fast. Remove from the heat and whisk in the cream and butter. Add the vanilla and salt (only add the salt if you want a salted caramel sauce.) Once it has cooled, refrigerate.

It will keep in the fridge for the same amount of time that the whipping cream would last. If it has gone bad, you will be able to tell immediately!

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1974 marked the
100th birthday of
the
Provisional
County
of Haliburton.

I come across this
brochure page while
looking
for something else.



A community raises a sign.

Special Thank You to those that answered 'the' call.

The afternoon & evening of June 30, saw George Simmons making house calls and phone calls, desperately gathering items to decorate our third Irondale sign.

in no specific order

George Simmons

Linda Code

Claire Code

Lorne Buckingham

Nikki Wilson

Doug Rodger

Pauline Marshall

Please accept my apologies if I have missed someone.

Gary Blundell's Navigations of Iron

The Background

In the 19th Century, the value of iron to human history cannot be underestimated. It was used to build almost everything in the manufacturing, agriculture, resource based and transportation industries. The railways were as new then as cell phones and personal computers are today and just as important to culture.

Between 1870 and 1900, there was great hope that the iron ore found between Kinmount and Tory Hill would bring prosperity to Haliburton County. Many came seeking the location of valuable iron deposits, digging test holes in the ground and setting up mine sites. The most notable was Charles Pusey, who as a young man had worked for the new railways in both England and the United States. He came in hopes of becoming a true mining and railway baron. Sadly, despite setting up a home here, building a church in Irondale and the IB&O Railway linking Howland Junction to Bancroft, the iron deposits were poor at best and the entire venture went from hopeful to abandoned.

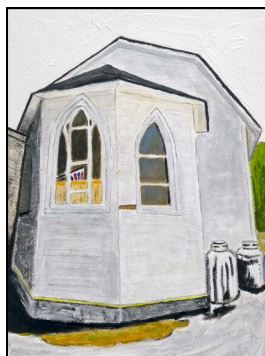
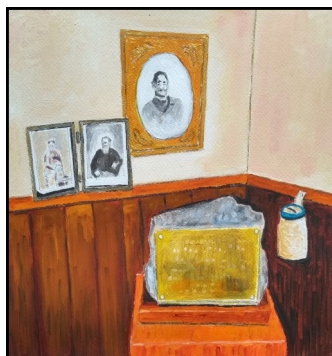
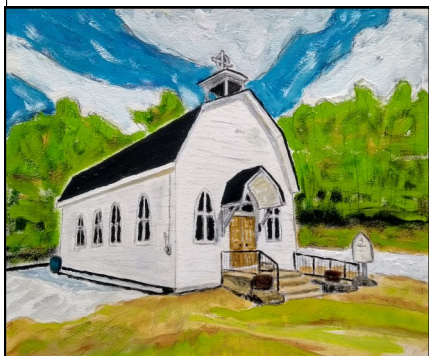
The area today is littered with the remains of these activities. Mine test-holes and actual mine sites are scattered throughout the woodlands. There are still the remains of railway berms, intact bridges and decaying waiting rooms.

The Workshop

The workshop is a day-long introduction to these mostly abandoned sites. During the day there will be opportunities to take photographs and do some sketching and drawing. Artist Gary Blundell will be leading the workshop. Local historian Guy Scott will be in attendance and available for questions.

We will meet at 10 am at Pusey's church in Irondale, just off the highway #503 between Kinmount and Gooderham. From there we will travel to the site of the old smelting furnace and some old mine workings near Furnace Falls. We will then move on to the site of an old railway bridge and the last remaining building connected with Pusey's IB&O Railroad at Howland Junction near Kinmount.

To end the day, we will go to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden to view and discuss the work that Gary created based on these sites, hanging in his exhibition *Navigations of Iron*. Gary's work often examines the connections between human history, landscape and geology and how minerals have throughout human history become the resources that we use to modernize ourselves.



Gary anticipates this workshop and show will go as planned -

August 12 to September 26

Opening reception Aug 14 - 4:30 to 6pm

however please check to be sure

<https://mindenhills.ca/agnes-jamieson-art-gallery/>

CAMP o'THE WINDS, IRONDALE, ONTARIO, CANADA

Breathless, we flung us on the windy hill,
 Laughed in the sun and kissed the lovely grass,
 You said, "Through glory, and ecstasy we pass;
 Winds, sun and earth remain, the birds sing still, —
 From RUPERT BROOKES' poem, "The Hill."

Camp O' the Winds is a summer playground of more than 100 acres of woodland, with, altogether, a mile or more frontage on one of the most beautiful lakes in the Haliburton Highlands. Situated on the south side of the County it is about one-half mile from the Canadian National Railway Station at the interesting hamlet of Irondale in Ontario, Canada.

The distance from Toronto is only 130 miles and it is reached by the excellent new provincial highway via Lindsay, Fenelon Falls and Kinmount, Irondale being only 10 miles northeast of Kinmount. This highway, originally an old Indian trail and later known as 'The Monck Road', passes on through Gooderham, Tory Hill, Highland Grove, Wilberforce to Bancroft in Hastings county. There are, of course, equally as good routes for those coming from Quebec and the United States, which may easily be followed by road maps.

With an altitude from 1050 to approximately 1800 feet above sea level, the Haliburton Highlands might easily be called the 'roof of Ontario' when compared with other parts. Lake Ontario is but 243 feet above sea level, Lake Huron 581, Lake Superior 602, Lake Nipissing 645, Muskoka Lake 744.

This region is a veritable vacation paradise, being in the centre of the lake country and surrounded by miles of virgin bush-land.

Here are to be found the haunts of the beaver, otter, mink, and many other creatures of the wild, including the bear and the moose and the lovely, timid deer.

The wail of the loon heralds the coming of the dawn, and the wild ducks nests her young in the shelter of our bay.

Fishing is one of the favourite sports, black bass, pickerel and trout being plentiful in the various lakes, creeks and rivers, which may be reached readily by boat, motor, hiking and portage.

The climate is both invigorating and health-building, with bright sunny days and cool nights.

One may ramble endlessly along the quiet old settlement roads, up hill and down dale, past old deserted homesteads of early pioneers, who settled here three-quarters of a century ago. Though most of these courageous old timers have "passed on", many of their children and grandchildren still reside on the original homesteads, and it's many a tale they can tell of the days of their fathers to the visitor who drops in for a friendly call.

The old iron mines, from which the hamlet got its name, are interesting relics of the past, as are, also, the stories of the lumbering, river-driving and railroading, in the days when those granite hills were clothed with great white pine.

Here, surely, the artist and the writer will find plenty of food for thought, and the tired business man, the peace and rest he needs.

The young people will find many amusements to suit their tastes, including the usual sports, dancing and so forth.

The main building of the camp is a large, rambling one story structure, built in rough pioneer style of native spruce and pine logs. One of its most pleasing features is its air of spaciousness. Fitting into the contours of the hillside, the double-door entrance hall leads down several steps into the lounge, a room measuring 44 by 22 feet.

On another level are several large bedrooms, dining-room, kitchen and verandah.

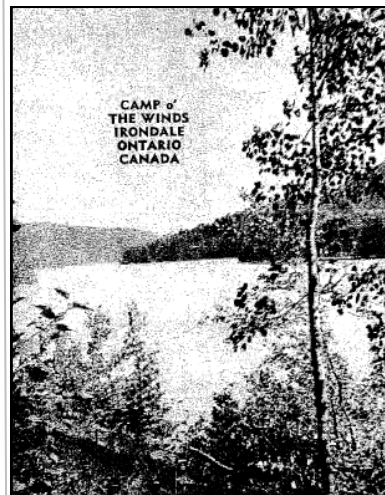
The cabin, a smaller building nearby, is also built of logs, and has two double bedrooms and two single ones.

The large waterproof tents, screened and set upon linoleum covered wood floors are all very comfortably furnished.

For those who are socially minded the old fashioned basket socials, quilting bees, barn dancing, church suppers and camp roasts are a delight, for to these are invited the neighboring tourists and the country folk, each in his own way entering into the spirit of the fun, helping to create that feeling of understanding and good fellowship which permeates these happy occasions and makes them a success.

On display throughout the various rooms are many fine pieces of antique glass, china, ironware, pewter and brass, as well as handicrafts, such as rugs, knitted wear and many novelties of interest.

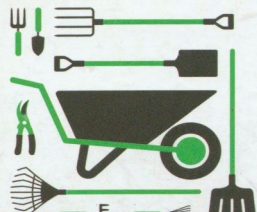
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← Cover of the brochure

This story was copied verbatim from the actual brochure used by Mrs Luella (Flood) Griffin. Brochure was kindly donated to B.L.C.D. by her granddaughter, Susan Buckingham

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CAMP o'THE WINDS cont'd from page 6

The Camp ownership has a number of shore acres for sale, and anyone interested should make inquiries from the management.

Good food is a Camp speciality, pasteurized milk and butter is used, while fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, bacon, fowl and eggs are available in abundance, and the water is tested regularly.

The Camp is under the management of Mrs. Frederick Griffin, who is a nurse, as well as a former school teacher.

Anglican and United Church services are held at Irondale Church on alternating Sundays. Roman Catholic Church services are held at Kinmount. Taxi service to Kinmount may be arranged.

If you are looking for something different, come to this delightful spot for your holiday.

	Single	Double
Daily Rates	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.00 Per Person
Weekly Rates - Tenting	15.00	15.00 " "
Cabin	15.00	15.00 " "
Lodge	20.00	18.50 " "

Special rates for children under 12 years of age.

Boats may be rented by hour, day or week.

Camp opens June 26th, and as accommodation is limited, reservations should be made early to avoid disappointment.

Before June 26th, write 234 Glengrove Ave. W., Toronto, Ont., Canada. Phone Hudson 3421.

After June 26th.

For further information and train service, write to: -

Camp o' the Winds

Irondale, Ontario, Canada

~ Irondale Calendar of Events ~

Hang this page on your refrigerator or next to your calendar so you don't miss out!

2020	Unless otherwise noted - Tickets available online at www.IrondaleOntario.ca or call/text 705-457-8438
Sat. Aug 1 Sun. Aug 2	Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association's AGM 10 am at the Irondale Community Centre Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association's Canoe Race, BBQ and Children's Games check www.sdlca.ca for more details.
Aug 14-16	~~Cancelled~~ Irondale Inspirations - the artists that call Irondale home will be showcasing their work at the Irondale church. 10 am to 4pm. Please drop by, enjoy their talents. You may just catch one or more of them creating on site.
Sat. Sept 19	~~Cancelled~~ Family Harvest Festival - 11 to 4pm - Vendors, BBQ, displays, tours—all on the property of Irondale's historical church building. NO ADMISSION CHARGED. Hike Haliburton tour starts & ends here as well. <i>B.L.C.D. event</i>
Sat Nov 7	Themed Dinner held at the Irondale Community Centre. Dinner served from 5 pm til 7pm as long as supplies last. \$20 pp Menu still being planned. <i>You certainly shouldn't go away hungry!</i> <i>B.L.C.D. event with proceeds supporting Irondale's history.</i>
PLANS HAVE TO BE MADE — HERE'S HOPING 2021 IS BEST YEAR YET	
Sat. Feb 20	Dinner held at the Irondale Community Centre. Dinner served from 5pm to 7pm—as long as supplies last. <i>B.L.C.D. event with proceeds supporting Irondale's history.</i>
Sat. Apr 17	Fish 'N Fowl Dinner held at the Gooderham Community Centre. Doors open 5pm. Dinner at 6pm. Fish, turkey, potatoes, vegetables, salad & dessert. Loonie auction action after dessert. \$20 pp <i>B.L.C.D. event with proceeds supporting Irondale's history.</i>
Sun. May 1	First Church Service - 10 am. Come as you are. Book Nook Opening - 11 am to 1 pm - no charge so help yourself to refreshments, books, videos, puzzles ...
Sat. July 3 or 10	Concert on the Lake - Great music from the comfort of your own boat, canoe or paddleboard. Music starts at 6:30pm Check www.sdlca.ca for more details.
Sat. July 17	Wild Game Dinner - Popular dinner, held at the Gooderham Community Centre. Doors open 5pm, buffet at 6pm. All game served as bite size pieces, you can sample it all. Remember bring loonies for after dinner fun. PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION FOR THIS DINNER <i>B.L.C.D. event with proceeds supporting Irondale's history.</i>
Sat. July 31	Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association's AGM 10 am at the Irondale Community Centre Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association's Canoe Race, BBQ and Children's Games check www.sdlca.ca for more details.

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